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1. (Unclassified - JMD) Miss Stephany Chaconas, in the office of Representative Alphonzo Bell, called and requested application forms for a constituent who wants to be an "agent." Forms were sent out.

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2. (Unclassified - JMD) Ruth Price, in the office of Senator Sam Ervin, called to say that a constituent, [REDACTED] of the Hess Oil Company, had been in touch with them regarding problems he is having in collecting damages for an auto accident from an Agency employee. Miss Price merely wanted to know who in the Agency [REDACTED] could be in touch with. I told her to have [REDACTED] call [REDACTED] in OGC. No further action is required as far as Senator Ervin's office is concerned.

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3. (Secret - JMM) James Kendall, Chief Counsel, Senate Preparedness Subcommittee, said they plan to call on us shortly, perhaps during the week of 25 January, for a briefing on the Soviet bomber threat. He said they would first probably want a briefing for the staff only, but might later schedule one for the full Subcommittee. Kendall said that, although their interest was primarily centered in manned bombers, the staff briefing should also cover recent ICBM developments. He will let us know as soon as their plans are firm.

4. (Secret - JMM) Met with Russ Blandford, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, whom I briefed on recent developments regarding the Soviet Far East military district, ChiCom naval installations, SAM sites in Cuba, SAM deployment in the USSR, and Soviet naval activity in Cuba.

Blandford said that during his recent convalescence he had been doing a lot of reading and become convinced that some of our most serious and least appreciated problems lay in the Western Hemisphere. He doubted that we had a single reliable friend in Latin America, pointed out our dependence on Latin American resources (such as oil from Venezuela) and complained that while Latin American political trends were running strongly against us all of our attention was focused on Southeast Asia where we had no strategic interests and very little influence.

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